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Principal: Mrs G Brierley

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you may know, Molehill Primary Academy for the past two years has been working hard to build a link with Chigombe LEA school in Salima, Malawi.

In this time, the children have worked with Holly, from the charity Starfish Malawi, and have completed work based on challenging the way we think about other places.

Even though we try to encourage children to see past the fact that Africa is a very poor continent, the fact that Malawi was the poorest country in the world last year still remains. Although going to school is free in Malawi up until the age of 18, pens, pencils, books, uniform and other resources must be paid by parents. The average wage for a working person in Malawi is £867 per year, which as you can imagine, means that paying for school equipment is very difficult.

On October 19<sup>th</sup>, Mr Etheridge and Miss Armstrong will be traveling to Malawi to visit the learners and teachers at Chigombe school. This has been fully funded by the British Council and has no cost for Molehill Primary Academy at all.

Mr Etheridge and Miss Armstrong have paid for an extra suitcase each and would love to be able to fill these up with resources for the children at Chigombe.

Next week, **on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October**, we will be holding a **Red, Green and Black day at school** (the colours of the Malawi flag) in order to raise funds to buy equipment for the children in our link school.

Children will be able to wear their **own clothes** with ideally a red, green or black top.

This is of course voluntary, but if you would like to **make a donation of £1 or whatever you can afford**, we know that every penny raised will make an enormous difference to the children at our link school.

Many thanks and we look forward to being able to make the Malawi flag with the children who are dressed up next week.

If you want to know more about our link, please visit the school website

([www.molehillprimaryacademy.org.uk](http://www.molehillprimaryacademy.org.uk)) and go to 'Curriculum' where there is a link to Starfish Malawi.

Mr Etheridge  
Vice Principal