

June 21 Monthly Update

FINDING THE CHILDREN WHO MOST NEED HELP AT CASHEW EARLY YEARS SCHOOL



Last month we told you about the online graduation ceremony in Manila for the 6-year olds at Cashew Early Years School now ready for 'Proper School' after 2 years education. Normally the school year starts in June. The government is still to confirm that it will be in August this year.

Our 2 local, trained, and accredited Social Workers are now actively out in the community looking to find new 4-year olds ready to start in the new school year at Cashew Early Years. Our pictures show them visiting the barrios following up referrals from the community for new pupils. They visit families in their often dismal, dark, and crowded shacks that are also loving homes. The Social Workers assess the needs of the children and the ability of the families to support them in this even though it is cost free for the parents. The importance of the child being able to go to school on time and every day is crucial if the benefits are to be maximised.



In these times of home schooling there is a need to make sure that the family has a way of communicating with the teachers; for some this means borrowing an old phone or tablet. Identifying a friend or relative who might also help with homework support is important especially as many parents cannot themselves read or write. The Social Workers will keep in contact through the year and will help out and advise parents if their best laid plans at home seem to go awry. This education is vital for the children because it builds their skills, resilience, and ability to socialise. It prepares the most disadvantaged children for success 2 years later in the large classes of the government run schools where there is little time to provide special help for those who might need it.



Often these youngsters come home and teach brothers and sisters what they have learned. Every year there are parents who also say that they too have learned things from the children. Often, they improve their own parenting skills

with the helpful tips of the Social Workers. For some families getting a youngster out to school is the difference that allows a parent to either work at home or get out to work for a few hours every day and so earn something to buy food for that night.

All the parents are proud of what their children achieve. Often their certificates are the only things that are put up to display on the flimsy walls of their small homes. Many parents want to give something back and in normal times, if they live nearby, they join the large team of volunteers who come in to tidy and clean the Cashew School rooms.

If you would like to sponsor one of the child places at Cashew, you can. Find out more on our website at <https://childrenofthedump.org.uk/what-we-do/cashew-early-years-school/>

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING AT CHILDREN OF THE DUMP?



REMEMBER FATHERS DAY IS JUNE 21st
Send a card or e-card and support Children of the Dump in Manila.

<http://bit.ly/manilacards>

You can order a card and get it sent next day by First Class post so order one by this Thursday night. There are exciting designs to choose from, but it is also easy and popular to upload old photos and create a personalised card for Dad. You can also choose exactly how much to donate to the charity which can show up on the card or remain anonymous. £16 would be generous enough for a whole month of Early Years education for a child. What a great way to celebrate with Dad!

ONLINE MONTHLY QUIZ

Quiz Master Mark led a highly controversial quiz this month (always the first Thursday of the month) with much debate about, an admittedly difficult

question, what do you call a group of jellyfish. Subsequent investigation on Google finds no definitive agreement as to whether it is a 'smack' or a 'bloom'. Anyway, we raised £145 this month during these 90 minutes of fun and madness- that's enough for 10 months education for a young child at Cashew.

Do think about joining in. Teams are typically 4-6 people on Zoom and plenty of far flung families use the opportunity to get together online as the team chat rooms are left open afterwards. You do not have to download anything, just click on the link that gets sent out with the invite. We suggest a minimum donation of £3 per person. Email office@childrenofthedump.org.uk if you would like to get the invitation sent to you to set up a team for next month's quiz on **July 1st at 7.30pm.**

THANK YOU to the anonymous donor from Bracknell who gave £200 this month and to those who set up and gave to Facebook Birthday Fund Raisers this month

ASK US ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE AND ENJOY THE SUMMER

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