



A big thank you to everyone at  
Craobh Naithí for the donations for  
my trip to Uganda over the summer.



During my three weeks in Nansana (near Kampala, the capital city of Uganda) I taught in Jet Valley Primary School each weekday morning, which was a very rewarding experience.



The children there are so keen to learn and very interested in hearing about what life is like in Ireland. Unfortunately many of the kids come from very poor families so books and other essential items are often missing.



Your donations helped pay for books, paper, paint, pencils, copies, and other basic items that are needed in any school. The children enjoyed using the paint in particular and they were delighted to get a chance to do some art (see photos), something which is an extremely rare treat for them.





I also visited Another Hope babies home, which is an orphanage on the outskirts of Kampala. Most of these children have been through an awful lot in their young lives and being able to provide some practical and financial help to the home was very satisfying. The t-shirts that the branch donated were well received as well!



One aspect of the placement which I found particularly useful was the opportunity to go on home visits to see where the money that has been raised actually goes. A large chunk of the funds raised by members and friends of Craobh Naithí went towards paying for anti-retroviral medication for HIV infected children, such as Sylus in the photograph (boy in the blue and white striped t-shirt) .



The children were delighted with the music as I brought my fiddle over with me. Craobh Naithí could be setting up a satellite branch in Kampala at this rate!





Thank you to everyone who supported the fundraiser concert in March which was very successful, and to everyone who contributed donations and good wishes for this trip.

Aidan Connolly