



# Malawi:

## from the plains of Africa to the nursery classrooms of Britain

Our aim is to develop long term educational links with a nursery school in Africa and at the same time raise as much money as possible to help children around the world who have been orphaned by war, famine, disease and natural disasters. We have now made a link with a nursery school in Mzuzu, Malawi. The whole nursery, training centre, Kettlefields Primary School also in Stetchworth and Bottisham Village College have been be involved in a number of ways.

As part of our 'Global Citizenship' curriculum development we have collectively developed an exciting programme of activities for the children. We have been looking at life at home, school and in the community and learning about life for the children in Mzuzu, comparing, sharing and exploring the similarities and differences between us.

Through the use of photographs and stories the children and staff have compiled homemade books, creating an ongoing memory bank on DVD that will be exchanged and added to on a regular basis with the nursery school in Mzuzu.

We have been learning about Malawi through many different media i.e. arts and crafts, music and dance, cookery, language and story telling.

Children have prepared an introduction pack containing information about life at The Old School House Day Nursery, photographs of themselves, nursery etc, letters, pictures and a DVD about 'who we are' that has been sent out via our SOS colleagues who visited the school June 2005.

As well as developing cultural and educational links with the nursery in Mzuzu the Old School House will be committing to sponsoring the SOS children's Village in Mzuzu, and will be involved in fundraising specifically for the building of a new school in Malawi.

*These are amazing times lets make a real difference together!*

